

REMARKS

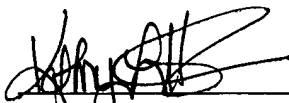
This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5 and 12-32 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 1-5 and 12-32.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Applicant's claims 6-11 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-2 of US 6,425,967. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, as the claims of the '967 patent are limited to the use of an expanded core polymeric material, whereas the rejected claims of the subject application simply recite a polymeric film. However, since the allowed claims of the subject application are broader than the rejected claims and would also encompass the invention recited in the rejected claims, claims 6-11 have been canceled herein to expedite issuance of a patent from the subject application.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is now in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the remarks contained herein, Applicant's agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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